



Frederick County Sustainability Commission

Meeting Minutes for

2/21/18



FCSC Attendees: Tom Anderson, Tim Jones, Jennifer Bird, Elizabeth Peterson, John Ferri, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Kevin Sellner, Joe Richardson, Mike Swanson, Rachel Armistead

OSER: Shannon Moore, Suzanne Cliber, Lisa Orr, Kim Campbell

Public: Samantha Hogan, Mike Wilkens, Michael Mock, Karen Russell, Mike Paone, Linda Norris.

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. The Chair (Ron Kaltenbaugh) opened the meeting and welcomed all FCSC members and guests.
- b. Suzanne and Lisa from OSER had announcements
 - a. Green Homes Challenge Recognition event is Thursday March 29. OSER is looking for volunteers.
 - b. Sustainability award winners will be recognized at the event. Lisa will need to know who will present and receive the awards.
 - c. A list of events was distributed for additional volunteer coordination. Kim will be sending out a sign up genius email.

II. Vice Chair items

- a. Approval of January Meeting Minutes. Tim made a motion to accept the minutes. Liz seconded the motion. Two abstentions.

III. Proposed Composting Legislation

- a. Mike Wilkens, Frederick County
- b. The County Planning Department and DSWM are preparing a draft of legislation for food waste composting.
 - i. Limited Agricultural Activity composting.
 1. Allow farmers to obtain compost without special zoning.
 2. No commercial sales permitted.
 3. Site plan not required.
 - ii. Limited Commercial Activity composting.
 1. Allows for limited offsite sales of compost materials.
 2. Includes facilities greater than 5 acres and less than 10 acres.

- 3. Subject to site plan and approval process.
- iii. Facilities cannot be within required setbacks for streams, wetlands, floodplains.
- iv. Odor, dust, noise cannot be detected beyond the property line.
- v. Legislation will be discussed with the farm bureau to answer questions and get feedback.
- vi. Legislation is compliant with COMAR regulations.

V. Presentation on PC-44 Utility Investment, Consider FCSC Letter of Support

- a. Kathy Kinsey summarized the PC 44 EV Workgroup effort
 - i. The workgroup proposed statewide rate-based utility infrastructure and other transportation electrification programs.
 - ii. The workgroup recommended legislative hearings where members of the public can comment.
 - iii. A gap analysis for MD projects how many charging stations needed in commercial, industrial, workplace environments to meet MD's goal of 300,000 EVs by 2025.
 - iv. For 2000 residential chargers, Potomac Edison will offer a 50% rebate on the amount left after the state rebate.
 - v. Tom made a motion to approve the letter as written. Tim seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OSER Updates, STAR Communities Launch Update

- a. Mike Paone provided STAR update.
 - i. County approach is to attend a County Executive meeting with agency directors.
 - ii. Will provide a breakdown of their areas of interest and a copy of the crosswalk document.
- c. Mike also updated FCSC on Livable Frederick.
 - i. Just finished public open house events with great attendance and positive feedback.
 - ii. Will be meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations.
 - iii. Public Hearing is scheduled for Mar 5 at 7 pm.
- d. Shannon noted that the County is moving forward with easement acquisition for Creek ReLeaf. Proposing to plan 200 acres of trees.

VII. Commission Members Items of Interest

Liz: Attended a National Geographic celebration of the migratory bird treaty act. Liz still preparing a lecture series on Understanding our Environmental Legacy. Attended a free jazz improv event at New Spire Arts.

Joe: Waiting for final PACE approval to install solar panels and energy efficiency measures. Two months for installation. Compost training to be performed this spring.

Rachel: Tiny house has made the family happy.

Kevin: Energy and Environment Workgroup is meeting to push forward revisions for Livable Frederick. Drafting text to be consistent with their original intent. Fountain Rock quarry will be placing barley straw bales to place in their lake. The purpose is to help reduce toxic cyanobacteria in the waterways. Royce Hanson, member of the MoCo Sustainable Commission recently published a book about suburbs and will speak at a seminar at Hood.

Tim: The Home Show is coming up within the next month. Very good exhibitors including energy efficiency companies. Additionally, Tim's service timeframe is expiring.

Tom: Forestry Board will purchase seedling trees for the Green Neighbor Festival as give aways.

John: Attended the Frederick High School Livable Frederick Public Open House. Feels that the document is well written and thorough. Commented at the meeting that public comment should be provided as public information. Also noted that a SMART buildings innovations conference is coming up in Baltimore in March.

Ron: Two bills in MD regarding Renewable Portfolio Standard in regards to electricity generation. Goal of 100% clean energy by 2035.

Jennifer: Attended the Frederick High School Livable Frederick Public Open House. Good attendance, positive vibe.

IX. Public Comments

Linda Norris from Middletown and Compost Workgroup. Excited about the compost legislation that is proposed.

Karen Russell, Frederick County Climate Change Working Group – now have public space on the Envision Frederick County website.

Michael Mock – Frederick resident and member of Electric Alliance. Business Council for Sustainable Energy – do research on where we are and where we are going. GDP increased 15% and energy consumption dropped 1% in last decade.

X. Sustainable Award Discussion and Votes

Tom made a motion to award a Sustainability Award (Individual) to Ron Holter with a recognition to Ron Albaugh and Drew Ferrier. Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed with two objections.

FCSC voted to award a Sustainability Award (Organization) to Stream Link, with certificates to Sweet Farm, Ecologica, and Palmer Hospital.

Adjournment: Following a motion, which was seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.